

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Brandis AirfieldEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1DATE OF CONTENT                      25X1DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 21 December 1954REFERENCES                      25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                      25X1This is UNEVALUATED  
Information

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1. No air activity was observed at Brandis airfield between 27 October and 15 November, except on 30 October when a DC-3 landed at 1030 and took off toward the southwest at about 1150. The crossing of some jet aircraft was seen and heard. On 11 and 12 November, one Il-10 crossed over the field. No aircraft were parked on the landing field and the interior of the hangars could not be observed. <sup>1</sup>

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2. Unloading operations continued aft of hangar No 6, where a ~~group~~ of 14 railroad cars were unloaded during the period of observations. Lifting gears were mostly used. Among other unidentified material 4 steam rollers and 2 carloads of concrete arrived. <sup>2</sup>

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3.                      about 600 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets arrived by rail during the night of 26/27 October. The total number of arrivals after 21 October amounted to about 750 men all with black-bordered blue epaulets. It was believed that the arrivals were recruits because almost all of them were young and had close cropped hair. About 180 men wearing ~~black~~ bordered blue epaulets and arranged in individual groups practiced ~~light~~ ~~drill~~ and getting up on the landing field on 28 October. They had allegedly arrived by train on 21 and 22 October.

At 0900

on 15 November, about 45 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were engaged in drilling under the command of an officer. Only basic infantry training was done. The personnel were not given passes. <sup>1</sup>

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4.                      motor vehicles were observed:

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                     with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets

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                     with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets

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The latter vehicle was loaded with ammunition from Altenhain. <sup>3</sup>

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1. Comment. The ground attack regiment which has been re-trained on MiG-15s has not yet returned to Brandis. It is believed that the regiment is still located at Alt Loennowitz and Finsterwalde airfields. The newly arrived soldiers are apparently recruits.

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2. Comment. It has not been determined which type of material is continuously being unloaded in Brandis. It is assumed, however, that runway mats arrived because the 2,000-meter runway must be extended in connection with the re-equipment with MiG-15s.

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